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THE attention of kill-or-cure Prohibitionists is called to the recent vote of the New York Assembly. Upon the prohibition amendment offered by Rev. W. H. Olin there was a vote taken which expressed the exact state of the voters' minds without any complication. By 110 to 2 all other amendments were thrust aside, and the square issue resulted in 61 ayes and 63 noes. Of the ayes fifty-three were Republicans; of the noes forty-six were Democrats. It is thus plain that even for so extreme a temperance measure as this there is great strength in the Republican party—and very little or none in the Democracy. But the Prohibitionists insist upon attacking the Republican party whenever and wherever they can. It is also to be noted that Mr. Roosevelt—the advocate of a most stringent high-license—was among those who voted no. One hundred and twenty-four out of one hundred and twenty-eight members were present. The other four were paired.

THE CITIZENS' TICKET.

The attendance at Catholic Union Hall on Wednesday evening should have satisfied those concerned in the "Citizens' Movement" that their call had met with a hearty response. There was a good representation—in fact, an excellent representation—of all parts of the town, and of all sections of both parties. While it was apparent that the nominations had in several instances been carefully considered, there was no thrusting of their names upon the meeting without a full opportunity for free discussion.

It appeared at first as though there was a disposition to carry the nominations by assault and a *ribe* vote. This, however, through a mistake which was soon set right. After this the voting was either by a show of hands or by a regular written ballot.

The closest contest of the evening was that by which Mr. Rayner was named as candidate for Clerk of the Township over Mr. E. F. Farrand, the present incumbent. Mr. Rayner received a majority of a half a dozen or so votes.

The member from Montgomery, whose voice was frequently heard toward the close of the evening, had only himself to thank for the error by which his nomination was thrown out. Mr. G. W. Cook, as Chairman, was undoubtedly willing to recognize him, and had he offered his candidate when the names for the Centre were considered, he would have had as good a chance as anybody. A political meeting is no place in which a man can afford to go to sleep and neglect his chances.

We publish in full the ticket nominated by the Union Hall meeting. It was selected openly, handsomely endorsed and deserves—to say the least—a frank examination by every voter. THE CITIZEN has nothing but the highest welfare of Bloomfield at heart, and in this view we find a great deal that is commendable in the ticket.

THE TOWN COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report of the Township Committee for the year ending March 1st, is a very presentable document, and exhibits the affairs of the Township with great detail. The entire receipts from all sources were \$55,017.64, and the tax list for 1883 was \$50,144.65, so that only \$1,127 went into arrears in excess of arrears collected. It will be seen from this that we are paying our way from year to year, and we are able to raise the money for all purposes which receive the sanction of the voters at the polls.

The statement of the financial strength of the Township shows decided improvement. In 1883 the resources (uncollected taxes) were estimated at \$16,216.74. The resources for 1884 are estimated at \$16,575.09, an increase in assets of \$358.35. In 1883 the liabilities were \$15,259.64. The liabilities for 1884 are \$12,967.31, a decrease of \$2,292.33, showing a total gain of \$2,650.88.

The citizens showed their satisfaction with the report by approving all the recommendations of the Township Committee

concerning appropriations for the coming year.

They also voted to raise the sum of \$1,000 for general fire purposes, and the sum of \$1,000 to be used in the construction of sidewalks in accordance with the plan stated in our editorial of last week.

The earnestness and unanimity with which all the appropriations were voted indicated a degree of public spirit that is most satisfactory to observe.

It is the further duty of every good citizen to cast his vote on election day, and thus make it certain that these appropriations will be ratified at the polls.

The laws of this State require that all appropriations shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

The interest in public affairs, which has been growing so rapidly during the past year, has shown itself in the preparations made for the election of Township Officers on Tuesday. The first notice the public received in the matter was an invitation signed by about fifty gentlemen calling a meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, "to consider the question of a nomination for Township Officers."

This meeting, which was called without regard to party, decided to put a full ticket in the field, giving both parties representation, and then to endeavor to secure for its candidates a ratification at both of the party primaries.

The ticket nominated by the citizens' meeting is a good one and will have many friends. Whether it is wise to elect a new Town Committee, not one of whom has ever served in that capacity, is a question which the primaries will decide when they come to nominate the regular ticket.

The position of Assessor in a Township is perhaps the most important of all others. The responsibilities of this office are so great that the Legislature has repeatedly been asked to enact a law creating a board of three assessors in order that the entire business of valuing the property of individuals need not be left to the judgment of a single man. Such laws have always received the approval of the taxpayers at large, but have never been passed, and we must still proceed, trusting to the one-man power. The duties of this office have for many years been performed by the present incumbent, whose re-election has been a practical demonstration of the confidence and esteem with which he was regarded by the people.

The many changes now taking place in property here, and the development of improvements in some localities, and their absence in others, have resulted in unsettling the values which have been in use for the past ten years, and have left these assessments in many cases unequal and unsatisfactory.

The Assessor who shall be elected next Tuesday will be expected to revise these valuations with painstaking care, and to bring to the work a careful consideration of the relative values of adjacent property. So much the taxpayers have a right to ask, and we presume that any gentleman who accepts the office will be ready and willing to do the work with the thoroughness above indicated. The re-nomination of the present Assessor by the citizens' meeting is very complimentary to him, for no one else seems to have been mentioned for the office. The editors of this paper desire to state before the election takes place that in their opinion every man who accepts a public office at the hands of his fellow-citizens ought not to complain if the manner in which these duties are performed shall be discussed by his constituents.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

One sometimes wonders at the curious result of reforms. Much of the world's progress is backward like the crab. We develop skill at the expense of judgment. We seek to diffuse intelligence, but find that we have also lowered it. Machinery develops uniformity at the expense of design. We go to China for handsome vases because they are handmade. We go to India for rugs and shawls, because in their delicate colors are wrought both the thought and skill of the patient worker. Our writers and thinkers are more learned than before, they are also less original. The scholar fresh from school is as full of geography and science and the rules of grammar as a full-rigged man-of-war is of guns, and often just as useless as the latter in time of peace.

Like the man who has eaten a regulation dinner from soups to tooth-picks, he is tremendously full, and, likewise, tremendously stupid. Life is a puzzle to him, which he must take time to solve. He has a vast reserve force, which somehow, it is difficult to mobilize. Upon our farms we train one horse to the plow, another for the race course; but our boys are boys, and by-and-by they will be—not carpenters, mechanics, designers, musicians, painters, but clerks, professional men, or nothing. Tom Tulliver was an excellent miller, but a very bad linguist. He was likewise extremely obstinate, and so had his way. Audubon, sitting for half a day under a tree watching an object of pity to the digger of potatoes in the field near by. There is room in the world for both, and neither should despise the other. In a neighboring State is a handsome farm, whose broad acres attract the passer-by. From its spacious farm-house the boys have gone, to the farmer's lasting regret. Every one was sternly educated to the farm, and as sternly rebelled. Timely sympathy might have saved them to some other useful calling. Harshness drove them

away among strangers. Yet they only wished to carry out nature's designs; to follow out their hobbies. A late repentance saved one to the place of a successful chicken fancier; the rest would have been equally successful in a suitable calling.

In a recent talk Dr. John Hall called attention to the fact that so few boys choose mechanical callings. When his church was built, foreigners received \$4 to \$5 per day for laying up its walls. American boys were filling clerkships at \$15 to \$20 per week.

What shall we say then? Abolish the expensive machinery which we have created? Stop the schools? Throw out the appliances and return to the method of parental training? Not so—rather let these be increased.

But let us abandon the foolish prejudice against mechanical callings. Let us train men for these common branches. Let enthusiasm, skill, energy—yes, ambition, be expended in their pursuit, as in any so-called higher work, and let fitness determine the path in which each shall walk.

This is the higher education, which we would commend; an education whose method is self-knowledge, whose secret is self-denial, and whose application is the sweet reasonableness of a loving discipline. Give the boys a chance. Help them to find their mental reckoning, and bid them God speed. Let Martha and Mary each have her work in life as God has designed.

THE ASSESSORSHIP.

This paper goes to press too early to give the result of the Republican Primary which was held last evening. We understand that the name of Mr. Stanford Farrand will be presented for Assessor, and that Mr. Farrand has consented to be a candidate for the office. Mr. Farrand's long term of service as a member of the Township Committee of which he has been for the past three years the efficient Chairman, render him specially fitted for filling the office of Assessor, and his election at this time would give the Township a representative in the County Board of Assessors, who could resist the encroachments and undue influence of the City of Newark and some of the adjoining townships.

LIBRARY HALL.

The Library Hall Building was sold on Tuesday last, under foreclosure of the mortgage held by the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. About forty gentlemen have indicated their willingness to subscribe money for the purpose of retaining it for public use, provided a sufficient sum can be obtained to make it certain that this will be accomplished. Lasting regret will be felt if the building should be appropriated for purposes which would deprive us of a Town Hall, or which would make the property a nuisance to the community.

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Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens) \$50,560 00
United States Bonds (market value) 6,750 00
Loans on Collateral Securities 1,100 00
Interest due and accrued 1,899 01
Cash on hand and in bank 9,248 60
Safe and furniture 200 00

LIABILITIES.
Due depositors, including interest at 4 per cent this day credited \$69,717 61

Surplus \$3,824 85

The above is a true statement of the condition of the Bloomfield Savings Institution on the morning of January 1, 1884.

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